

Frequently Asked Questions

How much funding is available for each project?

SCAG will award up to \$15,000 to selected projects, and award amounts will vary. SCAG encourages applicants to follow the guidelines regarding anticipated work hours and direct costs, ensuring that the project demonstrates feasibility and cost-effectiveness. SCAG staff may work with applicants to scale proposal budgets as needed.

Are local government agencies, like cities and counties, eligible for funding?

No. This funding opportunity is designated for community-based organizations, non-profits, students, and artists. If cities or agencies are interested in projects that build community resiliency and increase the safety of vulnerable street users, please consider one of the following options:

Public agencies should consider partnering with a community-based organization that can receive the funding and implement the project.

Can my organization submit multiple projects for consideration?

Yes. Multiple projects may be submitted for consideration. It is likely that no more than one project per organization would be selected, depending on a variety of factors including budget.

Will there be any changes to the implementation period?

No. All funded projects must be completed by August 31, 2022 with deliverables submitted by September 9, 2022. Applicants must scale and schedule projects appropriately.

How will social distancing measures impact projects?

We recognize that social distancing disrupts many conventional in-person engagement activities, such as workshops, events, and safety demonstrations. Applicants are encouraged to follow their local public health guidance when planning in-person engagements.

Applicants may also explore alternatives, like radio, phone banks, or flyering to address the digital divide, as well as virtual tools to engage local communities.

How can I use a Mini-Grant to reach populations without access to virtual tools and a quality internet connection?

Applicants do not need to exclusively rely on online tools. Applicants are encouraged to propose projects that consider a variety of methods, such as radio, with phone banks or flyers.

Engagement may involve developing assessments, or plans, strategically compiled, in support of street level resiliency planning, bike/ped audits, or in support of identifying safe routes for essential workers/to essential services.

How soon will I know if my project has been selected?

Applications are due at 11:59 P.M. on Wednesday, April 29, 2022. SCAG will communicate with awardees no later than the week of May 16, 2022 if their project is awarded. Applicants will be contacted via the email address or phone number listed in the submitted application.

How is this Call for Projects being funded?

Funding for the Mini-Grant Program is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Does my project require insurance?

Mini-Grant awardees will need to provide proof of General Liability, Automobile Liability, Worker's Compensation, and Professional Liability insurance. SCAG requires insurance to manage the risk of performing work on behalf of the agency, and they help mitigate any potential financial impact to Awardees and to SCAG should an accident occur. Applicants that do not meet these requirements may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

For additional guidance regarding the insurance requirement, contact Andrés Carrasquillo at carrasquillo@scag.ca.gov.